



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

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PLANE PULL CHALLENGE NEWS: In a cocky display of swag **Team Pendleton** has publically claimed the 1st Place finish for this year's upcoming event! *"After looking over the field of teams signed up, heck it's a walk in the park!"* The only voice of disagreement came from **Team Pacers** who replied *"We'll give you a run for their money"*. Not very inspiring but at least they spoke up. Not a very confident statement if you ask me. I guess we'll find out on **Saturday, August 29th**. Think differently? Then register your team [here](#)!



Ex-Offender Shares His Inspirational Message at the CIF Volunteer

Appreciation Dinner: This year volunteers attending the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner heard from guest speaker ex-offender Thomas Lunay. According to Mr. Lunay, "I would not be where I am today without the volunteers who came faithfully to the facility and showed me how to change my life." His message provided remarkable insight into the magnitude of the difference volunteers

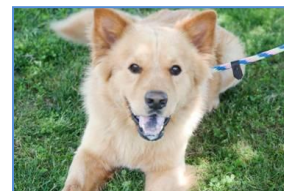
make in the lives of those they serve. "These volunteers are astonishing" said Superintendent Wendy Knight. "They come in week after week and although they may never know how many lives they touch by their service, but they keep coming in to be positive role models for our offender population."



COMMISSIONER LEMMON WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT IDOC has three teams of the top 10 teams in the **Humana Vitality Steps Challenge**! Way to go Madison Correctional Facility, Pendleton Correctional Facility, and Rockville Correctional Facility. **ALSO:** Applications for the Fall **2015 CPAFI** scholarships are now available! For more information and to download the application, please visit <http://cpafi.org/scholarships/>.

PENDLETON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ANNOUNCES NEW P.U.P.S.

PROGRAM Ike was adopted from the Animal Protection League and now has a new purpose in life. As the first dog in the Pendleton Correctional Facility's P.U.P.S. program (Patriots Utilizing Puppies for Support), he is paired with an American Legion Post 608 Son's of Legion member who will train Ike in basic commands before learning new cues. The ultimate goal is for him to become a companion dog to a local veteran who in this case, suffers from PTSD. The benefits are immeasurable as the veteran experiences unconditional love and the canine gets a new lease on life.



WVCF GREETES COPS CYCLING FOR SURVIVORS (CCFS) this week.

During day 8 of their 1000 mile, 13 day bicycle tour, CCFS members read the Indiana Department of Correction Officer Down memorial pages. The ceremony hit home for WVCF staff. In 2013, Officer Timothy Betts, who passed away August 26, 2012, was



one of two officers honored by Cops Cycling for Survivors. The 15 year WVCF veteran died of a heart attack while escorting an unruly offender to segregation. Family members took part in the day of remembrance and donated \$500 to the CCFS. Superintendent Richard Brown, on behalf of the facility presented the group with another check for \$500.

GIVE A BIG CHEER FOR MJCF'S SAMANTHA GOLDSMITH!! Samantha, a teacher at Promise Jr. /Sr. High School at the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) won the 2015 **CEEAS Lighting the Fire Teacher and Principal of the Year Award**. The Lighting the Fire

Award is a nationwide competition to recognize outstanding educational professionals working in youth correction settings and is given to visionary educators that have shown their investment in students, persevere in a challenging environment, communicate high expectations and commitment to the education community.



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They call him, "The Trainer" because that's what he does – train. "And he's damn good at it too!" complimented a Pendleton Juvenile co-worker, awe clearly in her voice.



Teaching Coordinator David Hardwick rolled into Pendleton from his home town of New Castle one sunny day and nearly thirty years later he still there – training. "We were going to call him 'XXX' because of the amount of time he's been here but didn't think it meshed well with his good guy reputation," remarked a co-worker with a chuckle.

I was surprise to learn that even after 30 years of stellar employment record that he had no motto or philosophy. "I don't have one," Hardwick admitted as we sat down for lunch. "I let my work be my motto."

When I responded that what he just said was in fact a motto, he simply gave me that patented deadpanned stare from behind his wired-rimmed glasses. I decided it was best to change the subject.

The married dad of three, and grandfather of 4, credits his retired brother for his applying joining IDOC. In five years he expects to still be here but seemed unsure if he would change positions although he loves being a Training Coordinator, since training staff to succeed is what he likes most about his job.

If he was Commissioner for a day, he stated that he wouldn't make any changes in one day's time. "I'd tour some of the facilities to see how they are run and then take my time when it comes to making changes." Wise words from a 30 year veteran!

His most memorable day happened in June 2002 when as Shift Supervisor he had to respond to a critical issue at the facility involving an offender. Fortunately there have been more good days than bad for this super-veteran of the Department.

David likes to spend his free time enjoying his 2 year-old daughter, fishing, hunting and raising chickens (*Editor's note:Mmmmmm chicken!*). And speaking of chicken there's nothing more delicious than a large platter of fried chicken and his world famous yeast rolls.

Rumor has it they're so light that you can walk fast by them otherwise the breeze you make will make them float right off the plate!

Finally he has some good advice for anyone thinking of making a career with the IDOC, "Look at the whole picture and don't listen to the negativity around you and think before you act" Sounds like philosophy to me - but I'm not going there again. **HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**



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